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| ELECTRONIC APPARATUS, |) | |
| RESIDUAL BATTERY CAPACITY |) | |
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| RESIDUAL CAPACITY DISPLAY |) | |
| CONTROL METHOD |) | December 7, 2005 |

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) CN 1075680C
- (2) CN 1342123A
- (3) CN 1302148A
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,522,361
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,624,610
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 6,424,124
- (7) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004-0150704 A1

Documents (1) and (2) were cited during prosecution of a Chinese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. Document (3) was cited during prosecution of a Chinese patent application corresponding to a related application, U.S. Application No. 10/758,192. Copies of the Chinese Office Actions, which are both dated September 9, 2005, are enclosed. Documents (4), (5) and (6) are believed to be English-language applications corresponding to Documents (1), (2) and (3), respectively. As such, the concise explanations of relevance of Documents (1), (2) and (3) are believed to be satisfied. U.S. Application No. 10/758,192 has been published as U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004-0150704 A1, which is cited as Document (7).

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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